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FLOWER SHOW PROMISES TO BE BEST EVER HELD

The tent for the flower festival is in place and it is now possible to appreciate that there will be much more space available than in other years and that listing of entries can be handled with greater ease, with all the space in the front of the lot west of the club house for the entry tables. The annual show seems to increase so from year to year that each committee finds it self confronted with the problem of stretching the space. This year the large lot west will be almost entirely taken up, and the cafeteria work has overflowed into the new rooms that have been added in the basement.

Exhibits Growing

Mr. Felgate, who is in charge of the exhibits announces that he expects to use every inch of space that has been allotted to him. He is feeling very jubilant over the fact that there will be some especially fine exhibits of flowers and plants by professionals which will not be shown at any of the other spring flower shows.

Deitrich and Smith will have some remarkable palms, Howard & Smith some beautiful cut flowers; Victor Clemens will specialize in potted plants, and Coolidge of Pasadena will bring some rare shrubbery which he claims cannot be duplicated. Miss Jessie Ward will have charge of the exhibit from her father's nursery and the artistic skill and taste shown in her exhibits of other years will be repeated with some extra frills for Exposition year. Last year Miss Ward's exhibit of California plants in particular excited much admiring comment from the eastern visitors and out of town people, who did not realize that Sierra Madre possessed such an extensive and interesting nursery. The list of special prizes will be found in another column. Mr. Felgate will exhibit some fine plants and blooms but will not compete for prizes.

Exhibit Rules

Potted plants will be sent for Wednesday. All other entries competing for prizes must be brought to the club house Thursday morning. The entry booth will open at 7 a. m. and close promptly at 9:30. Special attention is called to the rule that no prize ribbons are to be removed from exhibits except by the superintendent and his assistants. This is to avoid the trouble that has been caused the committee on other occasions by some exhibitors taking their ribbons. Ribbons will be sent to all winners by the committee at the close of the show.

Floral Baskets

Mrs. C. C. Montgomery who has charge of the department of floral baskets, wishes to remind people that the flowers used in decorating the hanging baskets need not be raised by the entrant. They may be purchased or begged. The hanging baskets have always contributed greatly to the decorative effect of the festivals and many entries are hoped for this year. Persons wishing further information regarding this division are requested to call up Mrs. Montgomery.

Auto Ride for Visitors

The usual arrangements for giving out of town visitors free auto sightseeing trips around town have been made for Saturday afternoon. P. E. cars will all stop at the club house door. A special car will leave Los Angeles Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7 o'clock. Thursday and Friday nights, returning at 10:45; Saturday night at 12:10.

The admission charges are as follows:

Single admission each day, 25 cents.

Single admission Thursday evening, vaudeville, Friday evening concert and Saturday night dance, each 50 cents.

Season tickets admitting to all events afternoon and evening, \$1.50.

The cafeteria has an outside entrance as well as an entrance from the club house. Meals may be secured there without paying admission charges. Persons passing from the club house to the cafeteria will be given return checks. Persons passing from the cafeteria to the club house must have return checks or pay admission charges.

Reception Committee

A reception committee consisting of club members and representatives from the Board of Trade will, under the capable leadership of Miss Annie B. Coffey, do all in their power to add to the reputation for hospitality and general welcoming of the stranger within our gates which Sierra Madre has so deservedly held in the past.

The patrollers for the dance Saturday night will be the ladies of the Executive Board of the Club: Miss Annie B. Coffey, Mrs. H. T. Fennel, Mrs. H. S. Wright, Mrs. W. E. Farman, Mrs. Frank Belderman, Mrs. William Denison, Mrs. L. E. Steinberger, Mrs. N. T. Brown, Mrs. M. W. Cops, Mrs. W. A. Evans, Mrs. A. T. Gay, Mrs. Minnie Kimball, Mrs. F. B. Seeley, Mrs. M. D. Welsher and Mrs. J. H. Wright.

DAILY PROGRAM

Thursday

7 to 9:30—Entering of exhibits.
10—Judging of exhibits.
11:30—Cafeteria lunch.
2:30 to 5:30—Music by Du Nubila Orchestra.
5:30—Cafeteria dinner.
7:30—Awarding of prizes by Mayor J. M. Beard.

Mrs. Nightengale requests that all persons in line for a prize be at the Club House Thursday evening or send a representative to receive the prize.

8 p. m.—Vaudeville.
Overture De Nubila Orchestra
Piano solo Miss Nora Grostholt
Group of songs Ramona Rollins Wylie
One act play, "The Pierrot of the Minute," by Ernest Dawson; Pierrot, Everett Maxwell; The Moon Maiden, Claire Niles.

Violin solo Ralph Wylie
Dramatic reading Georgia Morton Nightengale, the Wizard, in Magic Stunts.

Piano solo Sidney Hoben
Fancy dancing Marjorie Maughlin
Yodel songs and dance Rosetta Duncan

Friday

10 a. m.—Exhibit opens.
11:30—Cafeteria lunch.
2:30 to 5:30—Music by De Nubila Orchestra.

5:30—Cafeteria dinner.

8 p. m.—Concern by Brahms Trio:
Violin Oskar Seiling
Cello Axel Simonson
Piano Homer Grunn

Soloist, Mrs. Willis B. Tiffany.

Saturday

10 a. m.—Exhibit opens.
11:30—Cafeteria lunch.
2:30 to 5:30—Music by De Nubila Orchestra.

Piano solo—Miss Verona Yule.

2:00—Cantata, "A Flower Garden," given by the girls of the Sierra Madre school under the direction of the lady teachers of the school. Accompanist, Mrs. George B. Morgridge.

4 to 5:30—Dancing party for the children.

5:30—Cafeteria dinner.

8:00—Dancing party. Music by colored orchestra from Sierra Madre Club of Los Angeles.

4:00 p. m.—Auto trip for visitors.

List of Prizes

JUDGES — Messrs. H. W. Turner, Theodore Payne, H. R. Richards and James Macgillivray. Mrs. Anstruther Davidson will judge the wild flower exhibits.

Mrs. J. H. Nightengale, who has charge of the prizes, hopes to have additional prizes for other entries by the time the show opens, but this is the list up to the time of publication. Of course ribbons will be awarded in all classes of entries, the following prizes being in addition to the ribbons for the entries named.

Class I—Roses

Best 3 blooms—1st prize, picture donated by J. H. Nightengale; 2nd prize, picture donated by F. G. Conard.

Best 6 blooms—1st prize, cut glass dish donated by Mr. Newberry; 2nd prize, Japanese basket donated by Mrs. Baker.

Class II—Garden Flowers

Verbena, 2 stems one color; fern dish donated by Mrs. J. H. Wright.

Stocks, 6 any one color; casserole donated by Mrs. Baker.

Shasta Daisy, 12 stems—prize donated by Mrs. Saunders.

Candy tuft, 6 stems—basket, donated by Mr. Sebree.

Laurestina, 6 stems—basket, donated by Mrs. Fairbanks.

Heliotrope, 6 stems—prize donated by Mrs. Constant.

Class III—Geraniums

Best 6 stems, one variety—picture, donated by Mrs. J. H. Wright.

Pelargoniums, best 6 stems, one variety—picture, donated by Mr. Stockwell.

Class IV—Pansies

Best collection arranged in a brown basket, arrangement considered—1st prize, cut glass dish, donated by Mrs. L. E. Steinberger; 2nd prize, book, Kipling's Seven Seas, donated by Mrs. A. T. Gay; 3rd prize, for entry by child, book, donated by Mrs. Nourse.

Class V

Sweet peas, best 18 stems with foliage, one variety—china salt and pepper set, donated by Mrs. Taylor.

Carnations, best 6 stems, length of stem considered—3 cans Mission olives, donated by J. Todd Cook.

Class VI—Bulbs

Ranunculus, 12 stems—prize, china piece, donated by Mrs. J. J. Hart.

Tulips, best 6—brass jardiniere, donated by Mrs. Baker.

Jonquils, best 6—prize donated by Mrs. Tarr.

Callas, best 6—Venetian compote, donated by Mr. Sebree.

Freesias, best 12—prize donated by J. M. Beard.

Hyacinth, best stem—prize donated by Mr. Hull.

Narcissus, best —prize donated by Mrs. Sadler.

Largest collection of bulb blossoms, one of each kind—ukulele, donated by F. J. Hart.

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AT 'BOFFIN'S BOWER'

Characters From Dickens Serve Tea Under Mammoth Wisteria Vine

A large crowd of Sierra Madre as well as out of town guests enjoyed the pretty Wisteria Tea given last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Fennel of Scenic Point, under the auspices of the Dickens Fellowship. The immense wisteria vine, extending 200 feet and covering both sides of the house as well as forming a delicate network over the pergola, made a most beautiful scene and with the unique characters representing Dickens' children flitting around, was indeed picturesque. Mr. F. P. Conard took some pictures of the vine, and group pictures of the various characters.

Delicious tea, old English toasted muffins and marmalade were partaken of by the guests in "Boffin's Bower," the pretty little home of Mrs. L. E. Jewett, which was tastefully arranged for the occasion. Tea tables were placed on the veranda where the exquisite view of the valley could be enjoyed along with the tea and social chat. Here old Mr. Boffin, impersonated by Mrs. C. Nourse, gave a cordial handshake to the guests, and Mrs. Boffin (Mrs. B. Bravender) and Miss Della Boffin (Mrs. C. C. Montgomery) hurried around preparing tea. Much merriment was caused by Mrs. L. L. Krebs who hobbled around all afternoon on crutches representing old Silas Wegg, the one-legged man.

About two hundred people were present during the afternoon, and the proceeds were unusually pleasing. The proceeds will be used in different charity work supported by the Dickens Fellowship, and mainly for the Maternity Home in Los Angeles which is under the supervision of Mrs. Breuhite, who was present at the tea. Other well known Dickens characters represented were:

Mrs. Nickleby—Mrs. H. T. Fennel.
Kate Nickleby—Mrs. J. E. Fairbanks.
Florence Dombey—Mrs. Mary Goodfellow.

Dora Copperfield—Mrs. A. J. Rust.
Little Dorrit—Mrs. C. H. Baker.
Mrs. LaCreezy—Mrs. H. S. Wright.
Mrs. Jelliby—Mrs. Walter Andrews.
Liddy Jelliby (always falling down stairs)—Mrs. Burton Andrews.

Euriah Heeps' Mother—Mrs. Martha Williamson.

Mrs. Jarley of Wax Works fame—Miss Lockwood.

Petzy Coopwood—Mrs. E. T. Pierce.
Dolly Varden—Miss Hersa Lea.
Sarah Gamp—Miss Beyers.

The little Kennwick children—Miss Bravender and Miss Beth Krebs.

TROUT SEASON OPENS

First day of the trout season has never before seen such crowds as were in the West Fork and all the nearby trout streams on Thursday. For a week the anglers had been making their way to the mountains with camping outfitts of all descriptions. Easter vacation week helped to swell the crowds. Thursday was a perfect day and while some of the early reports which have come undoubtedly had a little April-fool flavor to them, an excellent run of luck seems to have prevailed.

AWNING SEWING MACHINE

Bergien Brothers have made an important addition to their store equipment by installing a Singer sewing machine of the type known as No. 109. It is a high speed machine of the kind used in factories and specially designed for heavy work such as awnings, tents and auto covers. Bergien Brothers will now be able to do all such work right in their own store instead of sending to Los Angeles to have awnings and porch curtains made up. The machine is in a sense a Sierra Madre product, that particular type having been invented by C. F. Gray and the first of the several special purpose machines developed by Mr. Gray for the Singer company since he came to Sierra Madre.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easter, "the Queen of Festivals," will be fittingly commemorated at the Church of the Ascension on Easter Day. The church will be beautifully decorated for the great festival of the Resurrection, and the music will be in harmony with the glad spirit of the day.

There will be an early celebration of the holy communion at 7:30 a. m. The Easter festival of the Sunday school, with the presentation of its Lenten offerings, will take place at 9:45 a. m. At 11 a. m. there will be a sermon and a second celebration of the holy communion. The offerings for the day will be for the current expenses of the parish, and for missions. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

A very interesting and well attended session of the Parent-Teacher Association was held at the Club House on Tuesday evening. Mrs. J. F. Sadler presided, and Miss Newton had charge of the program. Mrs. A. L. Hamilton of Pasadena gave an interesting talk and Miss Jenkins gave an illustrated lecture. Mrs. H. I. Hawkhurst sang two delightful songs, accompanied by Mrs. George B. Morgridge.

CHANGES IN BANK

Directors Now in Control and Bank Is Stronger Than Ever Before

Controlling interest in the stock of the First National Bank of Sierra Madre is now held by the board of directors of the institution. This has come about through the directors adding to their former holdings the block of stock recently acquired by Isaac F. West, formerly of Wichita, Kansas.

Under the new distribution of stock holdings the bank is not in any sense a one-man institution. Each member of the board holds a sufficient amount of stock to give him a substantial interest in the bank's affairs. The total individual resources of the directors is probably in the neighborhood of a million and a half.

At the last meeting of the directors C. W. Jones was elected manager of the bank, a position newly created. President Kersting remains as president of the bank but will be unable to give active attention to its affairs for some time by reason of absence. The official roster remains the same throughout with C. W. Jones and C. H. Baker as vice presidents, F. W. Nuetzel as cashier and T. E. Yerxa, Howard Sebree and N. W. Tarr as the other directors.

EASTER SERVICES

Easter will be fittingly observed in all the services of the Congregational Church on Sunday. At the 11 o'clock service Rev. Fred Staff will preach a sermon appropriate to the greatest of Christian festivals and there will be special Easter music. In the evening at 7:30 Rev. Staff will give an Easter story by Selma Lagerlof, which has never before been translated into English. The Sunday school and Christian Endeavor services will be held as usual. Good Friday will be observed with a special service this evening, to be conducted by Rev. Staff. There will be a short address and meditation upon the Great Sacrifice.

A cordial invitation is extended to all persons who have not established their church homes elsewhere in Sierra Madre to join in the observance of these events of the Easter season.

HOME OF TRUTH

"I Am the Resurrection" will be the subject of the Easter service to be given at 3:30 Sunday at the Home of Truth, corner Auburn and Carter. Text, John 11:25, 26, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he that believeth in me shall never die." Service conducted by Harriet C. Hamor. Everyone cordially invited. Sunday school is held at 2 o'clock. All children welcome.

MORE CABIN BURGLARS

Forest Ranger Walter Zachau brought to the city hall on Tuesday two youngsters whom he had taken into custody for breaking into a cabin in the Big Santa Anita. They had adopted the simple expedient of ripping a board off the side to gain entrance. They were too young for treatment in the recorder's court and were accordingly taken to the juvenile court in Los Angeles.

'FACTORY TO CONSUMER' PLAN

SHOWN TO BE WITHOUT MERIT

By David Powell

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en factory, manufacturing staple products, enjoys keener competition, if possible, than any other line of business. It must sell its products to the retailer at a price that will return the smallest profit possible that will permit a reasonable return on the money investment. Should a factory put a price on its product that would return to its stockholders more than a fair rate of interest, either its competitor or which there is always an abundance seeking investment, would enter the field and eventually bring the price of the article down to the point that would return to the stockholders a rate of interest satisfactory to investors



PEG O'MY HEART

By J. Hartley Manners

A Comedy of Youth Founded by Mr. Manners on His Great Play of the Same Title—Illustrations From Photographs of the Play

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SYNOPSIS.

Frank O'Connell, young Irish patriot, is shot and wounded by British soldiers while making a home rule speech. He is aided by Angela Kingsnorth, an English society girl, who defends him.

Angela takes O'Connell to her brother's home and helps to nurse him. He recovers, and he and the girl become fast friends.

O'Connell when well is sent to jail for disturbing the peace. He finally writes Angela that he has finished his sentence.

O'Connell and Angela wed. She has espoused the Irish cause. Her brother, a member of parliament, is very angry.

The happy couple come to America to live. A daughter is born to them. Angela's brother refuses to help the couple in any way. Angela dies.

O'Connell names his daughter Margaret and calls her "Peg." O'Connell receives a most important letter from England, which perplexes him.

O'Connell allows Peg to visit England at her uncle's request. The elder Kingsnorth's heart had finally softened toward his dead sister's little girl.

Peg goes to the home of the Chichester family in England at the direction of Mr. Hawkes, Kingsnorth's attorney, as Kingsnorth suddenly dies.

She first meets Ethel Chichester and Brent, a married man in love with Ethel. She interrupts them by accident in a secret meeting.

CHAPTER XV.

The Will.

NOW, in Mr. Kingsnorth's will," went on the lawyer, producing a leather pocketbook filled with important looking papers—"In his will"—he repeated.

Mrs. Chichester stopped crying.

"Eh? A will?"

"What?" said Alarie, beaming. "Did the dear old gentleman leave a will?"

Even Ethel stopped playing with Pet and listened languidly to the conversation.

Mr. Hawkes, realizing he had their complete interest, went on importantly:

"As Mr. Kingsnorth's legal adviser up to the time of his untimely death I have come here to make you acquainted with some of its contents."

He spread a formidable looking document wide open on the table, adjusting his pince nez and prepared to read.

"Dear old Nat!" said Alarie reflectively. "Do you remember, mater, we met him at Victoria station once when I was little more than a baby? Yet I can see him now as plainly as if it were yesterday—a portly, sandy haired old buck with three jolly chins."

"He was white toward the end and very, very thin," said Mr. Hawkes softly.

"Was he?" from Alarie. "Fancy that it just shows, mater, doesn't it?" He bent eagerly over the table as Hawkes traced some figures with a pencil on one of the pages of the will.

"How much did he leave?" And Alarie's voice rose to a pitch of well defined interest.

"His estate is valued, approximately, at some £200,000," replied the lawyer.

Alarie gave a long, low whistle and smiled a broad, comprehensive smile.

Ethel for the first time showed a gleam of genuine interest.

Mrs. Chichester began to cry again. "Perhaps it was my fault I didn't see him oftener," she said.

Alarie, unable to curb his curiosity, burst out with, "How did the old boy split it up?"

"To his immediate relations he left—" Mr. Hawkes looked up from the will and found three pairs of eyes fixed on him. He stopped. It may be that constant association with the law courts destroys faith in human nature; but, whatever the cause, it seemed to Mr. Hawkes in each of those eyes was reflected the one dominant feeling

certain Irishman, by name O'Connell, and was cut off by her family"—

"The man was an agitator—a Fenian agitator. He hadn't a penny. It was a disgrace!"

Alarie checked his mother again.

Hawkes resumed: "Was cut off by her family, went to the United States of America with her husband, where a daughter was born. After going through many conditions of misery with her husband, who never seemed to prosper, she died shortly after giving birth to the child." He looked up. "Mr. Kingsnorth elsewhere expresses his lasting regret that in one of his sister's acute stages of distress she wrote to him asking him for the first time to assist her. He replied: 'You have made your bed. Lie in it.'"

"She had disgraced the family. He was justified," broke in Mrs. Chichester.

"With death approaching," resumed Hawkes. "Mr. Kingsnorth's conscience began to trouble him, and the remembrance of his treatment of his unfortunate sister distressed him. If the child were alive he wanted to see her. I made inquiries and found that the girl was living with her father in very poor circumstances in the city of New York. We sent sufficient funds for the journey, together with a request to the father to allow her to visit Mr. Kingsnorth in England. The father consented. However, before the young girl sailed Mr. Kingsnorth died."

"Well? Well?" cried Alarie. "How much? Don't stop right in the middle of an important thing like that. You make me as nervous as a chicken."

Mr. Hawkes returned to the will and after looking at it a moment without reading said:

"To his immediate relations Mr. Kingsnorth left, I regret to say—nothing."

A momentary silence fell like a pall over the stricken Chichester family.

Mrs. Chichester rose, indignation flashing from the eyes that a moment since showed a healthy hope.

"Nothing?" she cried incredulously.

"Not a penny piece to any one?" ventured Alarie.

The faintest suspicion of a smile flitted across Ethel's face.

Hawkes looked keenly at them and answered:

"I deeply regret to say—nothing."

Mrs. Chichester turned to Ethel, who had begun to stroke Pet again.

"His own flesh and blood!" cried the poor lady.

"What a shabby old beggar!" commented Alarie indignantly.

"He was always the most selfish, the most—" began Mrs. Chichester, when Mr. Hawkes, who had been turning over the pages of the document before him, gave an ejaculation of relief.

"Ah! Here we have it. This, Mrs. Chichester, is how Mr. Kingsnorth expressed his attitude toward his relations in his last will and testament: 'I am the only member of the Kingsnorth family who ever made any money. All my precious relatives either inherited it or married it get it.'"

"I assure you—" began Mrs. Chichester.

Alarie checked her. "Half a moment, mater. Let us hear it out to the bitter end. He must have been an amusing old gentleman."

Mr. Hawkes resumed: "Consequently I am not going to leave one penny to relations who are already well provided for."

Mrs. Chichester protested vehemently:

"But we are not provided for."

"No," added Alarie. "Our bank's busted."

"We're ruined!" sobbed Mrs. Chichester.

"Broke!" said Alarie.

"We've nothing!" wailed the old lady.

"Dear, dear!" said the lawyer. "How extremely painful!"

"Painful? That's not the word. Disgusting I call it," corrected Alarie.

Mr. Hawkes thought a moment. Then he said, "Under those circumstances perhaps a clause in the will may have a certain interest and an element of relief."

As two drowning people clinging to the proverbial straws the mother and son waited breathlessly for Mr. Hawkes to go on.

Ethel showed no interest whatever.

"When Mr. Kingsnorth realized that he had not very much longer to live he spoke constantly of his other sister, Angela," resumed Mr. Hawkes.

"Angela!" cried Mrs. Chichester in surprise. "Why, she's dead."

"That was why he spoke of her," said Hawkes gravely.

"And not a word of me?" asked Mrs. Chichester.

"We will come to that a little later," and Mr. Hawkes again referred to the will. "It appears that this sister, Angela, married at the age of twenty-a

first lady to be approached on the matter of undertaking the training of the young lady should be you."

Mrs. Chichester rose in astonishment. "I?"

Alarie arose in anger. "My mother?" Ethel quietly pulled Pet's ear and waited.

Mr. Hawkes went on quietly:

"Mr. Kingsnorth said he would be sure at least of his niece having a strict upbringing in the best traditions of the Kingsnorths and that, though his sister Monica was somewhat narrow and conventional in ideas—I use his own words—still he felt sure she was eminently fitted to undertake such a charge. There—you have the whole object of my visit. Now, will you undertake the training of the young lady?"

"I never heard of such a thing!" cried Mrs. Chichester furiously.

"Ridiculous!" said Ethel calmly.

"Tush and nonsense!" with which Alarie dismissed the whole matter.

"Then I may take it you refuse?" queried the astonished lawyer.

"Absolutely!" from Mrs. Chichester.

"Entirely!" from Ethel.

"I should say so!" and Alarie brought up the rear.

Mr. Hawkes gathered up his papers and in a tone of regret ventured: "Then there is nothing more to be said. I was only carrying out the dead man's wishes by coming here and making the facts known to you. Mr. Kingsnorth was of the opinion that you were well provided for and that, outside of the sentimental reason that the girl was your own niece, the additional thousand pounds a year might be welcome as, say, pin money for your daughter."

Ethel laughed her dry, cheerless little laugh. "Ha! Pin money!"

Alarie grew suddenly grave and turned her eyes to the dead man's wife.

"Listen, mater, Ethel. It's a cool thousand you know! Thousands don't grow on raspberry bushes when your bank's gone up. What do ye think eh?"

Mrs. Chichester brightened.

"It would keep things together," she said.

"The wolf from the door," urged Alarie.

"No charity," chimed in Ethel.

ence between my niece and a servant?" "I am truly sorry, madam," replied Jarvis in distress, "but there was nothing to tell."

"Another such mistake and you can leave my employment," Mrs. Chichester added severely.

Jarvis pleaded pitifully:

"Upon my word, madam, no one could tell."

"That will do!" thundered Mrs. Chichester. "Bring my niece here—at once!"

The wretched Jarvis departed on his errand, muttering to himself: "Wait until they see her. Who in the world could tell she was their relation?"

Mrs. Chichester was very angry.

"It's monstrous!" she exclaimed.

"Stooping!" agreed Alarie. "Doocid stoopid."

Ethel said nothing. The one thought that was passing through her mind was, "How much did that girl bear Brent say, and how much did she see Mr. Brent do?"

Jarvis tried to smooth the misunderstanding out.

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—of every man

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FOR SALE—Nice, gentle goats, good milkers, low price. 213 N Hermosa.

FOR SALE—Berry plants at cut prices for April. Cal. Surprise Raspberry and Himalaya Berry, latter fine for hedges, etc. 50¢ per doz.; \$1.50 per 100. E. S. Stilson, Lamanda Park, Cal. 27

FOR SALE—R. I. Reds and Black Minorca eggs for hatching; setting hens; baby chicks with hens; R. I. Red breeding cockerels; also bicycle. Phone Red 2. 65 S Baldwin. 27

FOR RENT—Furnished bungalow at 375 W. Grand View, \$35 month. T. H. Graham, phone Black 1. 27

WANTED—Typewriting and copying. Apply H. T. C., News Office. 27*

WANTED—Work for woman by day or hour, housework, washing, etc. Call or phone. Helping Station, Windsor Lane, Green 68. 17tf

FOR SALE—Fresh eggs, Rhode Island Red and White Minorca hatching eggs. 208 Auburn Ave. Green 107. 25tf

NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR PUBLIC WORK

(Digging of Trail and Trench)

Pursuant to statute and to resolution of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre directing this notice, said Board of Trustees hereby invites proposals or bids which will be received by C. H. Perry, City Clerk, at the City Hall in Sierra Madre, Cal., until 7:30 o'clock p. m., April 13, 1915, when they will be publicly opened and read, for the following labor, to-wit:

Digging of a trail and trench for a pipe line from the Little Santa Anita Canyon to the north end of Auburn Avenue along a line surveyed therefor by the City Engineer and running through the W. 1/2 of the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 9, T. 1 N., R. 11 W., S. B. M., the N. W. 1/4 of the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 16 and the N. E., the N. W., and the S. W. Quarters of the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 17, said Township and Range.

Proposals for this contract shall be accompanied by a certified check for 10% of the amount of the bid made payable to the City of Sierra Madre.

Plans, Specifications and Bidding Blanks may be seen or secured at the office of the City Clerk, or from Wm. F. Bixby, City Engineer, 502 Mason Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal. All bids shall be on the blanks provided therefor.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, should it deem this for the public good, and shall reject all bids other than the lowest regular bid by a responsible bidder.

C. H. PERRY,
City Clerk.

W. M. F. BIXBY,
City Engineer.

Dated March 25, 1915.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1915

MISSION CHILDREN PICNIC

Twenty-five Mexican children and their teachers from the mission maintained at the old Bethlehem Institution in Los Angeles enjoyed the treat of their lives on Tuesday when the M. A. Club of girls had them brought to Sierra Madre for a picnic. Simane's motor truck transported them here and the day was spent in the Santa Anita wash. The girls had prepared a bountiful picnic dinner and a number of boys joined in making ice cream which contributed to the good time. The visitors took home with them several large sacks of oranges to share with their people. Incredible as it may seem, some of the Mexican children, who come from the very poorest homes of the city, had never been outside the city before and did not know orange trees when they saw them. The commonest varieties of wild flowers were a wonderful treat to them. When the mission superintendent had called at one home that morning to ask if the little girl could come to the picnic the mother said: "Will she get anything to eat? Yes?" Then take her for we have had nothing in the house for two days." That little one took home a box of food for her mother and baby sister. It was small wonder the day's pleasures brought forth expressions of gratitude that were touching in the extreme.

THAT GAS DECISION

Copies of the decision of the railroad commission in the El Monte rate case have been received from Mr. Wade of the Southern Counties Gas Company. Mr. Wade says that while there might be ground for an appeal for a higher rate the company has no intention of making such a request from the commission. He lays particular stress upon the fact that the company does not care to take any action in such matters that would have the appearance of retaliation or revenge for attempts on the part of consumers to secure lower rates. Regarding comparisons of gas rates in various parts of Southern California he calls attention to the following excerpt from the commission's decision which was prepared by Commissioner Loveland:

"Complainants allege that defendant is charging a higher rate in El Monte and Monrovia District than in the Anaheim District and a higher rate than is charged by other companies operating in adjoining territory. While it is true that lower rates prevail in other territory supplied by defendant and that adjacent territory, supplied by other utilities, are enjoying lower rates than are paid in El Monte, complainants have failed entirely to recognize the fact that in the Anaheim District defendant is distributing natural gas which is purchased at a low cost from the Petroleum Development Company operating in the Brea Canyon and Olinda fields. A comparison of rates charged in El Monte with those in San Gabriel, Alhambra and points north and west, gives no indication of a proper rate to be charged by defendant under the conditions prevailing in the Monrovia District. San Gabriel is supplied by the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Company with a mixed natural and artificial gas at a low rate, made possible only by the large operations of this utility and the lessened cost of production due to the large mixture of natural gas with the artificial product. Considerable discussion arose at the hearing in regard to the difference in rates charged by defendant in Monrovia and Sierra Madre and those prevailing in Arcadia, South Santa Anita and El Monte, but when the relative size of the several communities are considered, and the lower cost of distribution in Monrovia and Sierra Madre resulting from a greater density of population in these cities, the difference in the rates charged appear to be justified. After a careful consideration of the entire matter, I am of the opinion that complainants have no just cause for complaint as to the rates charged by defendant for gas supplied by it in El Monte, and recommend that the complaint in this case be dismissed without prejudice."

SCHOOL BULLETIN

The State Department of Education has just sent out the first number of the California Blue Bulletin, which is to be issued quarterly. It is printed on blue paper and the significance of its name is that it is of an official nature, containing the rulings, decisions, opinions, explanations and announcements of the department. It is sent to superintendents, teachers, trustees and others who ask for it. It undertakes to boil down, to cut short, to leave something to the common sense of the reader and to stop." The first issue touches Retirement Salaries, Vocational Education, Outdoor Auditorium at Fresno, the Hester School at San Jose, Enforced Vacations, Insurance of Teachers, Model School at Chico, Rural Supervision, High School Textbooks and other points of general interest.

Official Exposition and California State series of poster stamps. Good advertising to put on your mail matter. 10¢ for 36 stamps, in folder for mailing, or can be used separately. The News Printery. 22

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The Monrovia Steam Laundry is now giving Sierra Madre a daily service.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

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Class VII—Irises

Japanese Iris, best 2 blooms—pottery vase, donated by Mrs. J. H. Wright. German Iris, best 6 blooms—3 cans olives, donated by J. Todd Cook. Spanish Iris, best 6 blooms—Japanese basket, donated by Mrs. J. H. Nightengale.

Potted Plants

Ferns, best collection—basket, donated by Mr. Sebree.

Palm, best single specimen—3 cans olives, donated by J. Todd Cook.

Begonias, best collection—Japanese basket, donated by Mr. Sebree.

Rare and foreign plants and cacti, best collection—3 cans Mission olives, donated by J. Todd Cook.

Floral Baskets

Best hanging basket arranged by an individual (cut flowers) — 1st prize, floor cushion, donated by J. H. Nightengale; 2nd prize, centerpiece, donated by Mrs. H. T. Fennel; 3rd prize, Japanese basket, donated by Mr. Sebree.

Best hanging basket arranged by an organization (cut flowers)—1st prize, ukulele, donated by M. C. Doucet.

Best flat basket (cut flowers)—1st prize, brass candlestick, donated by Mr. Stockwell.

Private Tables

Beauty of arrangement considered. Cut flowers or potted plants, not necessarily grown by exhibitor—1st prize, cut glass dish, donated by Mrs. Kersting; 2nd prize, tray, donated by Mr. Mason; 3rd prize, Japanese basket, donated by Mrs. Baker.

Fruits and Vegetables

Best single entry—can of coffee, donated by Haas Baruch Co.

Best collection—box of raisins, donated by M. D. Welsher.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Class XIII—Potted Plants

Best collection—chain, donated by Mrs. J. H. Nightengale.

Best single entry—\$1, donated by Miss Saenger.

Class XIV—Best collection wild flowers

1st prize, \$2; 2nd prize, \$1.

Class XV—Rarest wild flower brought to club house April 18—\$1, donated by Mrs. Pierce.

Class XVI—Best herbarium of ten or more wild flowers—1st prize, \$2; 2nd prize, \$1.

Class XVII—Largest variety of wild flowers, one of a kind, brought to the club house in good condition Thursday afternoon, April 8th—1st prize for girl, hand painted plate, donated by Mrs. Baker; 2nd prize for boy, electric flashlight, donated by Milton Steinberger.

Class XVIII—Largest collection of wild flowers collected in Los Angeles County by Sierra Madre child—1st prize, \$2; 2nd prize, \$1.

Class XIX—Largest collection of wild flowers, any one color, brought to club house Thursday morning, April 8th—1st prize for girl, hand mirror, donated by Mrs. Hartman; 1st prize for boy, baseball glove donated by Miss Elizabeth Steinberger.

Class XX—Domestic flowers raised by children.

Pansies (2)—1st prize, locket and chain, donated by Mrs. Nightengale; 2nd prize, box of candy. Other flowers, 1st prize, \$2; 2nd prize, 50 cents.

Class XXI—Vegetables

Best each variety—1st prize, \$1; 2nd prize, 50 cents.

Best collection—prize donated by Mrs. C. W. Jones.

Best single entry—box candy.

Class XXII—School Gardens

There will be given a first prize of \$2 and a second prize of \$1 for the best garden of each grade.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Next Monday being the first Monday in the month there will be no meeting of the Woman's Club. It is hoped that all the members and their friends will be generous in the matter of help and flower contributions for the Flower Show. The decoration committee of the Flower Show asks for donations of pink flowers, especially pink ivy geraniums and greenery of all kinds for decorations. The gray-green Dusty Miller, Box Sage and Acacia are much desired, also bamboo, asparagus fern, smilax and ivy. Greenery should be left at Club House Wednesday morning by 9 o'clock and flowers by Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NEW JOB PRESS

The News Printery received on Monday from the American Type Founders Company of Los Angeles a new 10x15 Chandler & Price job press, the last word in printing machinery of its type. The machine weighs 1800 pounds, being built extremely heavy in all parts to give rigid impression and avoid vibration. This gives the News Printery printing equipment second to none of the country offices in the county in quality. The job of handling the new press and of removing the old press which it replaced was handled by the Monrovia-Los Angeles Daily Express.

Last year there was a warm spell between the 13th and 22nd of March with a maximum of 90 degrees on the 17th; this year the warm spell was between the 15th and 23rd with a maximum of 83 on the 16th.

Last year there was an average daily excess in temperature, as compared with normal, of about 6 degrees. This year there was an excess of about 3 degrees.

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